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S E C R E T LIBREVILLE 1445

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SUBJ: GABON CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN FORCES

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1. AS OF 1600Z WE STILL DO NOT KNOW, NOR DO GABONESE, WHETHER THEIR TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE PICKED UP IN LIBREVILLE MORNING OF JUNE 6 AS REQUESTED. IF ADDRESSEES INTEND MAKE PICKUP AND EXPECT GABONESE TO BE READY, WE WILL NEED KNOW IMMEDIATELY YOUR INTENTION. GOG IS NOT RPT NOT EASY TO REACH AFTER HOURS.

2. LT. COL NGARI HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO INFORM US OF CHANGE

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IN VEHICLES THEY INTEND TO SHIP. INSTEAD OF TWO BERLIET TRUCKS THERE WILL BE TWO VLRA'S (CAMIONETTES) OF FOLLOWING DIMENSIONS: LENGTH 7.1 METERS; WIDTH 2.20 METERS; HEIGHT 1.9 METERS; VOLUME APPROXIMATELY 30 CUBIC METERS; WEIGHT 2.5 METRIC TONS. JEEP DIMENSIONS: LENGTH 3 METERS; WIDTH 1.7 METERS; HEIGHT 1.3 METERS; VOLUME APPROXIMATELY 7 CUBIC METER; WEIGHT 1.1 METRIC TONS. CAN VEHICLES

BE SHIPPED WITH GASOLINE IN TANKS OR MUST THEY BE
DRAINED.

3. NGARI ALSO ASKS IF AIRCRAFT WILL BE RETURNING VIA
LIBREVILLE AS HE WOULD LIKE TO SEND OBSERVER WITH GABONESE
TROOPS TO REPORT BACK ON OPERATION. PLEASE ADVISE IF
ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION GABONESE ARMED FORCES
OBSERVER FEASIBLE.TIENKEN

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